

# *Challenges in Emergency and Abnormal Checklist Design*

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15 Different Categories of Issues – some are related to:

Training

Human Performance under Stress

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Emergency Equipment and Evacuation Issues

Checklists and Procedures



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Checklist wording – how compulsory

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## Methods for Accessing the Correct Checklist:

- Gateway Checklist
- Several Separate Checklists
- One Integrated Checklist



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# Accessing the Correct Checklist: Gateway Checklist

FIRE & SMOKE	
1. Oxygen Mask & Smoke Goggles (As Required)	ON, 100%
2. Crew & Courier Communications	ESTABLISH
Check Mike switches set to MASK, place cockpit speaker ON, place MIC SEL switch to FLT INT, and establish crew communication.	
3. Cockpit Door & Smoke Screen	CLOSED
Close the cockpit door & smoke screen to exclude heavy concentrations of smoke. Leave door closed unless opening it is dictated by a greater emergency, and then at Captain's discretion.	
4. If Descent is required	PROCEED TO STEP 6
or	
5. If Descent Is NOT Required	PROCEED TO STEP 14
<b>WARNING</b>	
Should structural damage be suspected, limit airspeed. Gear and / or Speed Brakes may be used depending on type of damage.	
6. Autopilot	AS REQUIRED
7. Throttles	IDLE
8. Speed Brake	FULL
9. Airspeed	MACH .82 TO .85 (320 TO 350 KIAS)
<b>NOTE</b>	
If structural damage is known or suspected, use appropriate turbulence penetration speed.	
10. ATC	NOTIFY
11. Transponder (if no contact with ATC)	7700
12. Tank Pumps	ALL ON
13. Altimeter	SET
14. Type Of Smoke Or Fire	DETERMINE & PROCEED TO APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE, THIS CHAPTER
A. <b>ELECTRICAL FIRE &amp; SMOKE</b> : Can best be determined by smell or visible smoke from electrical components (e.g., circuit breaker, radio)	
B. <b>AIRCONDITIONING SMOKE</b> : Can best be recognized by smoke emanating from overhead air conditioning outlets.	
C. <b>CABIN CARGO SMOKE</b> : Can best be recognized by checking smoke detectors on the Second Officers panel, or by observing smoke or fire in the main deck cargo area.	
(End of Procedure)	

# Accessing the Correct Checklist: Several Separate Checklists

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# Accessing the Correct Checklist: One Integrated Checklist

## SMOKE, CABIN/COCKPIT

- Oxygen masks and regulators ..... On, 100%
  - Crew and flight attendant communications ..... Establish
  - Cabin fans switch ..... Off
  - Blower switch ..... Override
  - Extract switch ..... Override
  - Galley/galley and cabin switch ..... Off
  - Descent ..... Initiate
- WARNING:** Do not delay descent or diversion to find the smoke source.
- Cabin signs ..... On

### CONTINUED FROM QRC

If dense smoke at any time, accomplish reverse side.

#### REFERENCE ACTION:

#### If electrical, cabin, or galley equipment smoke/fire is suspected:

- Emergency exit light switch ..... On
- If commercial switch installed:
  - Commercial switch ..... Off
- If commercial switch is not installed:
  - Bus tie switch ..... Off
  - Generator 2 switch ..... Off
- If smoke persists or just before landing gear extension:
  - Generator 2 switch ..... On
  - Bus tie switch ..... Auto

----- END -----

#### If air conditioning smoke is suspected:

- APU bleed switch ..... Off
- Blower switch ..... Auto
- Extract switch ..... Auto
- Pack 1 switch ..... Off
- If smoke does not decrease:
  - Pack 1 switch ..... On
  - Pack 2 switch ..... Off
  - Cargo heat aft isolation valve switch ..... Off
- If smoke persists:
  - Pack 2 switch ..... On
  - Blower switch ..... Override
  - Extract switch ..... Override

----- END -----

#### If avionics smoke is suspected:

Accomplish AVIONICS SMOKE ECAM or Flight Manual procedure 14.20.39.

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## DENSE SMOKE

### EMERGENCY DESCENT

- FCU altitude (safe altitude/10,000 feet) ..... Set
- FCU expedite switch ..... Push
- Target speed ..... Confirm, .80M/340KIAS
- Thrust ..... Confirm, idle
- Speed brakes ..... Extend
- ATC ..... Advise

### SMOKE REMOVAL

- Pack flow selector ..... High
- Landing elevation selector ..... Safe altitude/10,000 feet

When at safe altitude/10,000 feet:

- Pack switches 1 + 2 ..... Off
- Cabin pressure mode selector ..... Manual
- Manual vertical speed control switch ..... Full up

When differential pressure is less than 1 PSI:

- Ram air switch ..... On

If cockpit smoke requires a cockpit window to be opened:

- Maximum speed ..... 200 KIAS
- Headsets ..... On
- Cockpit window ..... Open

### EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL CONFIGURATION (If Required)

- Emergency electrical generator 1 line switch ..... Off
- Emergency electrical power switch ..... Manual on

When emergency generator available:

- APU generator switch ..... Off
- Generator 2 switch ..... Off

Before landing gear extension:

- Generator 2 switch ..... On
- Emergency electrical generator 1 line switch ..... On

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Emergency Descent and Diversion Guidance:

Where in the Checklist

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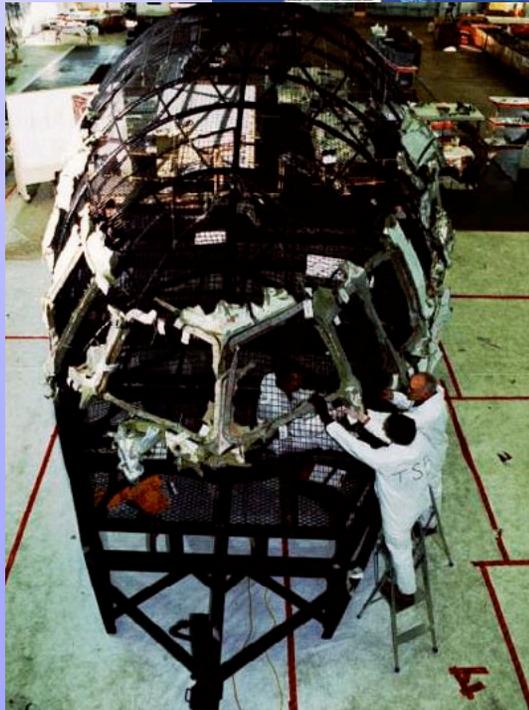
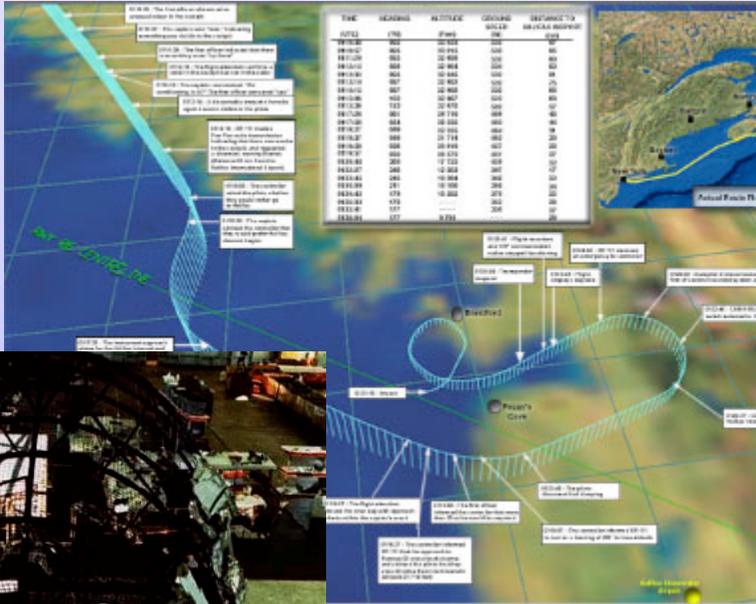
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### AIR CONDITIONING SMOKE

ECON P/B ----- OFF

SMOKE DECREASES

NO      No further action required.  
**END**

AIR SYSTEM P/B ----- MANUAL  
 ECON P/B ----- ON  
 PACK 1 ----- OFF

SMOKE DECREASES

NO      BLEED AIR 1 ----- OFF  
 1 - 3 ISOL ----- ON  
 DO NOT activate BLEED AIR 1 or PACK 1 for remainder of flight.  
**END**

PACK 1 ----- ON  
 PACK 3 ----- OFF

SMOKE DECREASES

NO      BLEED AIR 3 ----- OFF  
 1 - 3 ISOL ----- ON  
 DO NOT activate BLEED AIR 3 or PACK 3 for remainder of flight.  
**END**

PACK 3 ----- ON  
 PACK 2 ----- OFF

SMOKE DECREASES

NO      BLEED AIR 2 ----- OFF  
 1 - 2 ISOL ----- ON  
 DO NOT activate BLEED AIR 2 or PACK 2 for remainder of flight.  
**END**

PACK 2 ----- ON

Smoke is not of air conditioning origin.  
 Refer to EMERGENCY Procedure - SMOKE / FUMES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN.  
**END**

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**SMOKE / FUMES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN**

CAB BUS P/B \_\_\_\_\_ OFF

Pause long enough for cabin crew to evaluate whether smoke or fumes decrease.

SMOKE / FUMES DECREASE

NO

Continue with cabin bus inoperative.

**END**

CAB BUS P/B \_\_\_\_\_ ON

SMOKE ELEC/AIR Selector \_\_\_\_\_ PUSH AND ROTATE

Rotate SMOKE ELEC/AIR Selector clockwise, pausing at each position long enough to evaluate whether smoke or fumes decrease. When a decrease is noted, leave selector in that position for rest of flight.

Continue with that generator channel and air system inoperative and observe associated consequences.

**NOTE:**

- When rotating the SMOKE ELEC/AIR Selector, the autothrottle will disengage and be unusable. The autopilot may disengage but then use another autopilot.
- Nuisance stick shaker may occur. (Stick shaker CBs on overhead panel: Captain E-1, F/O E-31)
- Following essential systems are inoperative or off in accordance with SMOKE ELEC/AIR Selector Pos.

**SMOKE Selector Pos. 3/1 OFF:**

only Captains VHF 1 and interphone available.

- DU 4, 5, 6; MCDU 2; FMS 2; IRS 2 (after 15 min).
- Radar 2; All Nav aids 2.
- BLEED AIR 1; PACK 1; ECON system; WING anti-ice.
- F/O pitot heat.
- Auto slat extension.
- Landing gear aural warning.
- Autobrakes.

FOR APPROACH:

- Set FLAP LIMIT Selector to OVRD 1.
- Go-around mode is not available.

**SMOKE Selector Pos. 2/3 OFF:**

- BLEED AIR 3; PACK 3; WING anti-ice.
- Aux pitot heat.
- Fuel dump low level.
- HORIZONTAL STABILIZER TRIM Switches on control column.
- Engine 2 reverser.

**SMOKE Selector Pos. 1/2 OFF:**

only VHF 2 and 3 available.

- DU 1, 2, 3; MCDU 1; FMS 1.
- IRS 1 and AUX IRS after 15 min, (AP no longer available).
- Radar 1; All Nav aids 1.
- BLEED AIR 2; PACK 2; WING and TAIL anti-ice.
- Captain pitot heat.
- GPWS, GPWS BELOW G/S lights.
- Auto ground spoilers.
- Engine reversers 1 and 3.

FOR APPROACH:

- Set FLAP LIMIT Selector to OVRD 2.
- On CAPT SISF push FD P/B to OFF.
- Go around mode is not available.

If smoke/fumes are not eliminated, land at nearest suitable airport.

**END**

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If smoke/fumes are not eliminated, land at nearest suitable airport



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**Air-Conditioning Smoke**



The 'Flight Compartment Smoke Removal Procedure' should be used as necessary during smoke or fire conditions.

- (1) Oxygen masks/ smoke goggles ..... DON, SET TO 100%
- (2) Crew communication ..... ESTABLISH
- (3) Flight compartment door ..... CLOSED
- (4) NO SMKG and SEAT BLTS ..... ON
- (5) AIR CONDITIONING, AFT CARGO ..... OFF
- (6) RECIRC FAN ..... OFF
- (7) Prepare to land immediately at nearest suitable airport.

**Immediate smoke removal required:**

- Yes
- (8) Descent ..... INITIATE to 10,000 feet or lowest safe altitude
- (9) PRESS CONTROL ..... MAN
- (10) MAN ALT ..... UP
- (11) MAN RATE ..... Maximum INCR

**When smoke has cleared:**

- (12) MAN ALT ..... HOLD

- END -

No

(7) Prepare to land immediately at nearest suitable airport

CRJ 900

# A320

## AIR COND SMOKE

If electrical smoke from the avionics compartment is suspected, refer to the AVIONICS SMOKE abnormal procedure.

- CREW OXY MASK ..... ON/100 %  
Use the emergency knob when necessary
- CAB FANS ..... OFF
- APU BLEED ..... OFF
- PACK 1 ..... OFF

● if smoke persists :

- PACK 1 ..... ON
- PACK 2 ..... OFF
- SMOKE/TOXIC FUMES REMOVAL PROC  
(see 1.06A, if necessary) ..... APPLY

**NOTE :** If cargo ventilation system is installed, it is recommended that the cargo ventilation be closed to prevent a cargo smoke warning from being triggered by smoke coming from the cabin.

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**LDG ELV.....10,000 FT/MEA**

**DESCENT (FL 100 OR MEA)....INITIATE**



## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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SEQ 002

**1.06A**

## SMOKE/TOXIC FUMES REMOVAL

Use the smoke removal procedure in case of dense smoke or toxic fumes (smell) or if smoke generation cannot be stopped.

If a scent similar to orange peel is smelt in the cockpit, suspect a toxic leak of rain repellent fluid (if installed).

- CREW OXY MASKS ..... ON/100 %

Check that the oxygen diluter is at 100 %.

Use the emergency knob when necessary.

- SEAT BELTS/NO SMOKING ..... ON
- CAB FANS ..... OFF
- PACK 1 + 2 (if fuel vapors) ..... OFF
- PACK FLOW (if no fuel vapors) ..... HI

Do not shut down air cond. packs and do not reduce ventilation in an attempt to smother the fire. Do not deploy pax oxygen masks if fire is suspected in the cabin.

- LDG ELEV ..... 10 000 FT/MEA
- DESCENT (FL 100 OR MEA) ..... INITIATE  
PAX oxygen as required by regulation.
- ATC ..... NOTIFY

● When  $\Delta P$  1PSI or below :

- RAM AIR ..... ON

● if cockpit window opening required :

- MAX SPD ..... 200 KT
- HEADSETS ..... ON
- COCKPIT WINDOW ..... OPEN

CAUTION

Due to increased noise level pay particular attention to visual warnings

**SMOKE OR FUMES AIR CONDITIONING**

Condition: **A concentration of air conditioning smoke or fumes is identified.**

**OXYGEN MASKS AND SMOKE GOGGLES**  
(If required) ..... **ON**

**CREW COMMUNICATIONS**  
(If required) ..... **ESTABLISH**

**RECIRCULATION FAN SWITCHES (Both)** ..... **OFF**  
[Removes fans as a possible source of smoke or fumes. Stops recirculation of smoke or fumes and increases fresh air flow.]

**GASPER FAN SWITCH** ..... **OFF**

**APU BLEED AIR SWITCH** ..... **OFF**  
[Removes APU, if running, as a possible source of smoke or fumes.]

**If smoke or fumes continues:**

**LEFT AND RIGHT ISOLATION SWITCHES** ..... **OFF**  
[Isolates left and right sides of the bleed air system.]

**RIGHT PACK CONTROL SELECTOR** ..... **OFF**  
[Removes right side of the air conditioning system as a possible source of smoke or fumes.]

**If smoke or fumes continue:**

**RIGHT PACK CONTROL SELECTOR** ..... **AUTO**  
[Restores right side of the air conditioning system.]

**LEFT PACK CONTROL SELECTOR** ..... **OFF**  
[Removes left side of the air conditioning system as a possible source of smoke or fumes.]

**If smoke or fumes are persistent:**

**Plan to land at the nearest suitable airport.**

**Do not accomplish the following checklists:**  
**PACK OFF**  
**RECIRCULATION FAN**

**B767-400**

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# Smoke, Fire, and Fumes Checklists and Procedures

## Emergency Descent and Diversion Guidance Summary: Air Conditioning Smoke (A Somewhat Unfair Comparison)

Aircraft Type	Number of Checklists*	Location	Wording
MD-11	2	Last item, 2 <sup>nd</sup> checklist	If smoke/fumes not eliminated, land at nearest suitable airport
CRJ-900	1	Middle of checklist (step 7)	Prepare to land immediately at nearest suitable airport.
A320	2	Nowhere	N/A
B767-400	1	Next to the last item	If smoke or fumes are persistent: Plan to land at the nearest suitable airport.



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## Emergency Descent and Diversion Guidance Summary: Electrical Smoke / Fire

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CRJ-900	1	First third of checklist (step 6)	Prepare to land immediately at nearest suitable airport.
A320	-	There is no electrical smoke or fire checklist	N/A
	1	Avionics Smoke has items for electrical smoke – 1 <sup>st</sup> item	LAND ASAP
B767-400	1	Last item on the checklist	If smoke or fumes or fire persists or source is unknown: Plan to land at the nearest suitable airport.



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## Emergency Descent and Diversion

In a study of 15 in-flight fires that occurred between January 1967 and September 1998, the TSB of Canada determined that the average amount of time between the detection of an on-board fire and when the aircraft ditched, conducted a forced landing, or crashed was 17 minutes.

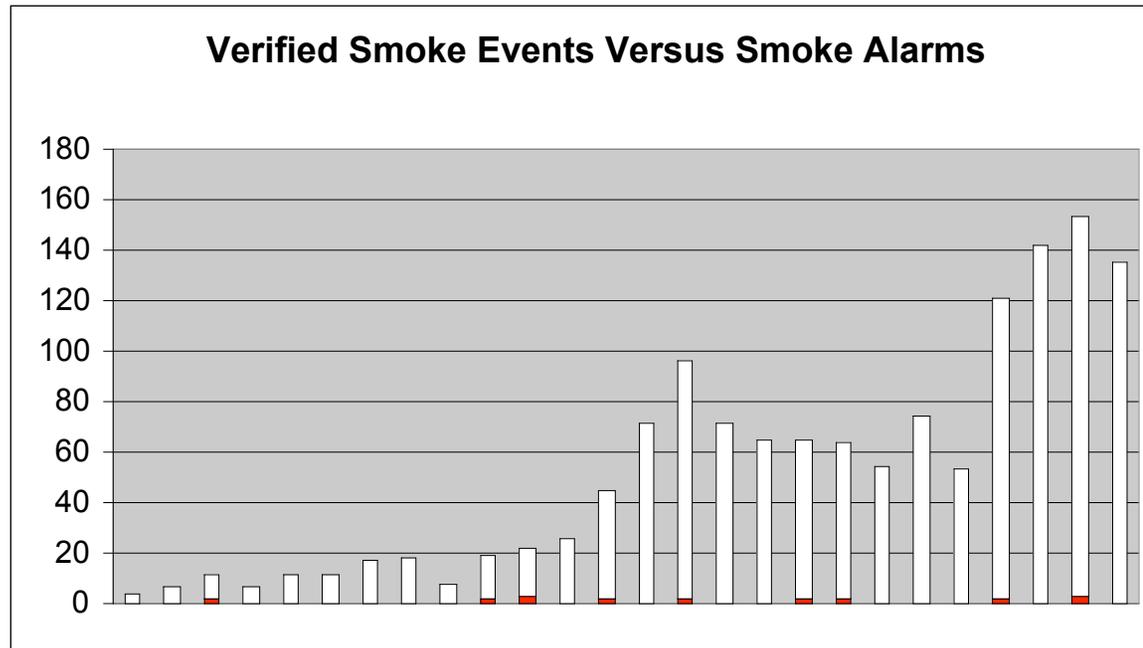


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## False Cargo Smoke Alarms, 1974 -1999



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Cost of Diversions: fuel, passenger ill-will, operational considerations, aircraft and crew scheduling, possible evacuation injuries, etc.



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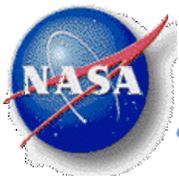


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